

invention as described in Figures 6, 7A and 7B of the above identified application. In addition, Applicants' attorney discussed with the Examiner about Figure 3 of Zhao et al (Gene Vol. 156 pp. 207-213, 1995) ("Zhao"), and differences between Zhao and claim 1. For example, Zhao, alone or in combination with Lockhart et al (WO 97/27317) ("Lockhart"), does not appear to disclose or suggest "receiving an input of selection of said first mark" and "in response to said input, displaying information associated with said first expressed sequence."

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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